



The Catholic Parish
of Bishop's Stortford

the CARPENTER

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+ St Peter and St Paul

29 June 2025

Our priests are:

Fr Peter Harris (*Parish Priest*)
Fr Marco Lazzaron (*Asst Priest*)



ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Come and join us at St Joseph and the English Martyrs Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday, 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

SOUL FOOD MONDAY

As usual, all are welcome, we start at 7.30pm, with refreshments served and finish around 9pm in the WCC.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Peter's Pence is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. See the poster at the back of each church for more info on how to donate.



THE HOLY CROSS SUMMER PARTY

after Mass on Sunday 20 July. The venue is within a short walk of the porch door. The Party is a bring and share lunch, so if you wish to attend, please sign the paper at the back of Holy Cross and say what you plan to bring.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026— Application forms for registration to our Parish First Holy Communion programme 2026 for children who will be 8 years old or older on or before 31 August 2026 and who **live in the parish** are now available for collection at Mass in the Sacristy. Completed forms with a copy of a Baptism certificate must be submitted to 3 Windhill, before Monday 4 August 2025. Late entries will not be accepted.

THE FINAL YOUTH NIGHT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR— is on Fri 11 July (6.30-8.30m) and will be a sports night in a local park - details to follow soon. All those of secondary school age will be most welcome to attend."

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025 - Taking place at Ampleforth College from Friday 22 August-Monday 25 August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB —is on Sunday 29 June after 6pm Mass (7-8.30pm) in the WCC.

THANK YOU— the Comboni Mission appeal donations raised £1,344.65.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR— Tuesday 1 July after 9.30am Mass

CANCELLATION OF DIOCESAN EMMAUS JUBILEE FESTIVAL 2-3 AUGUST— The Diocese have advised that this event has unfortunately been cancelled due to insufficient sign-ups for the festival to justify the organisational cost of the venue. The date of the festival coincided with a date of Young People Jubilee celebrations in Rome which meant that many will be in Rome or on their summer holidays. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience and disappointment caused, especially to those who were really looking forward to the weekend at SPEC Retreat Centre.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM— Fr Marco will be leading the parish to this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent on Saturday 20 September, with the theme in this Jubilee Year of 'With Mary, we are Pilgrims of Hope, Sharing Mary's Joy'.

Outline programme for the day:

10.00am Arrivals begin

10.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation available (priests are asked to volunteer for this)

11.30am Welcoming of parish and other pilgrim groups and banners

12.00pm Pilgrim Mass

1.30pm Picnic lunch

2.15pm Gather for the procession along the Holy Mile

3.45pm Prayers, Benediction and final prayers in the Abbey Grounds

4.30pm Departures Saturday

If you would like to come, please **contact Fr Marco to express your interest ASAP and before Monday 21 July**. If we have sufficient numbers, we will look towards arranging a coach. There is only room for 60 coaches at Walsingham, so the sooner we book, the better. The cost will be a pilgrim levy of £5 per pilgrim to cover the costs of entry to the Abbey Grounds plus the cost of transport (to be confirmed depending on numbers).



PARISH BBQ TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Sunday 6 July 2025 12pm Monastery Gardens

Please contact the Chair, Debbie Hourihan on 07847 714781 or buy your ticket after Mass or from the Parish Office. £5 per ticket or £20 for a family of 5. Cash only please.

Raffle prizes and help still needed!!